

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery

The 91st AATS Annual Meeting

May 7–11, 2011

Pennsylvania Convention Center

Philadelphia, PA

Save the Date!

Join us at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia from May 7–11, 2011, for the American Association for Thoracic Surgery's 91st Annual Meeting. This robust, high-quality five-day program, chaired by Irving L. Kron, MD, of the University of Virginia, is designed with a primary focus on delivering cutting-edge education to improve cardiothoracic surgical practice. Gather with the world's leading scientists and medical professionals in the specialty at this premier continuing medical education event.

Target Audience

The AATS Annual Meeting is specifically designed to meet the educational needs of:

- Cardiothoracic Surgeons
- Physicians in related specialties including Cardiothoracic Anesthesia, Cardiology, Pulmonology, Radiology, Gastroenterology, and Thoracic Oncology
- Fellows and Residents in Cardiothoracic and General Surgical training programs
- Nurses, Physician Assistants, Perfusionists, and Allied Health Professionals involved in the care of cardiothoracic surgical patients
- Medical students with an interest in cardiothoracic surgery

AATS Annual Meeting Accreditation

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*TM.

Cardiothoracic Critical Care Symposium

Due to popular demand, the Cardiothoracic Critical Care Symposium will take place again this year along with other AATS/STS Postgraduate Symposia on Sunday, May 8, 2011.

Building the Hybrid OR of the Future[®]

Based on the positive response in 2010, the Building a Hybrid OR of the Future[®] course will be offered on Monday, May 9, 2011.

Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner/Perfusionist Program

New in 2011, a full-day PA/NP/Perfusionist Program will be offered on Saturday, May 7, 2011.

The scientific program will be announced in January 2011.

Registration and Housing are now open.

For further information, please visit www.aats.org or contact:

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AATS Grant Writing Workshop

March 4, 2011, Bethesda, MD

Register Now, Deadline: Friday, February 4th

Organized by the AATS Scientific Affairs and Government Relations Committee, the 2011 AATS Grant Writing Workshop will take place on **Friday, March 4, 2011**, at the Bethesda Marriott in Bethesda, MD (9 miles from Washington, DC). This full-day program is designed for all levels of academic cardiothoracic surgeons interested in applying for grants. The workshop will provide attendees with a better understanding of the complex nature of preparing and submitting grant proposals along with the techniques required to ensure submissions are of the highest quality.

Through a didactic session, interactive panel discussions, and a mock study session, attendees will work with well-known leaders in cardiothoracic surgery and NIH Staff to achieve the following:

- Create Career Development and Training Grants Under the New NIH Guidelines for Applicants
- Analyze Outcomes Research and Clinical Research Networks
- Assess the Structure and Components of a Grant
- Identify Extramural Program and Funding Opportunities—NCI and NHLBI

The deadline for registration is **Friday, February 4, 2011**.

For additional information on the workshop program, housing, and to register, please visit www.aats.org.

AATS Inaugural Mitral Conclave

May 5-6, 2011

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